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Expand green infrastructure in public space	Stormwater	ACTION	1	Include raingardens /bayscaping/bioretenention cells in public roads projects (including permeable paving in 5% of alleys & sidewalks)	M	H	H	MH	M	H	LM	Built Environment	46
Reuse greywater	Stormwater	ACTION	2	Remove or adapt laws and regulations—particularly those of DDOT—that prevent or discourage private rainwater greywater capture and reuse	MH	M	ML	L	MH	ML	M	Built Environment	39
Reduce stormwater pollution flowing into waterways	Stormwater	ACTION	3	Retrofit DCPS sites with pervious surfaces and LID strategies to treat water on site	H	H	LM	M	MH	H	SM	Built Environment	24

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Expand green infrastructure in public space	Stormwater	ACTION	4	Increase tree canopy cover by 25% to help restore water retention and natural hydrology	M	H	H	MH	M	H	LM	Nature	22
Increase Public Access to Streams and Waterways	Waterways	ACTION	5	Develop signed hiking/biking trails and boardwalks on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, particularly near restored stream habitats	M	M	M	M	M	M	SML		22
Expand green infrastructure in parking lots	Stormwater	ACTION	6	Incentivize/encourage pervious pavement and infiltration in new and existing parking lots	M	H	M	LM	M	MH	M	Built Environment	20

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Involve 60% of DC Residents / Businesses / DCPS students in Sustainable DC Initiatives	Stormwater	ACTION	7	Expand (triple?) RiverSmart Program for residents and businesses to install LID	H	H	LM	H	L	H	S		19
Reduce stormwater pollution flowing into waterways	Stormwater	ACTION	8	Develop incentive programs for larger properties to install stormwater retrofits	MH	H	M	L	M	M	LM	Built Environment	18
Encourage use of water bottles/lower use of plastic water bottles	Potable water	ACTION	9	Develop and get a Bottle Bill passed	MH	MH	M	M	M	M	S	Nature, Waste	17

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Improve stormwater retention/filtration on buildings and lots	Potable water	ACTION	10	GOAL: Create tax incentives for significant actions that benefit water efficiency in buildings	H	H	L	M	M	H	M	Built Environment	17
		GOAL	11	Identify and create a sustainable funding mechanisms for construction and maintenance of green infrastructure	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Built Environment	16
Reduce wastewater flow (?)	Stormwater	ACTION	12	Separate sewer flow	MH	M	LM	LM	H	LM	LM	Built Environment, Nature	15

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Restore instream habitat	Water ways	ACTION	13	Study the removal of seawalls and plant fringe wetlands along the Anacostia and Potomac to replace	M	H	M	L	MH	MH	ML	Nature	13
Identify and create a sustainable funding mechanism for construction and maintenance of green infrastructure	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	14	Create a DC Revolving Fund dedicated to sustainability -- which can not be returned to general funds	H	H	HM	M	M	H	SM	All	12

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Increase Public Access to Streams and Waterways	Waterways	ACTION	15	Develop more boat ramps, trails, docks at key locations such as Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens	H	M	M	H	H	M	SML	Nature	12
Increase Public Access to Streams and Waterways	Stormwater	ACTION	16	Redevelop RFK and its parking areas to include public parks with sports facilities and access to the Anacostia	H	H	H	H	H	H	SML	Built Environment	12
Restore instream habitat	Waterways	ACTION	17	Daylight piped streams where possible	M	MH	L	LM	H	M	M	Nature, Built Environment	11

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Restore fisheries and wildlife	Water ways	ACTION	18	Create buffers for wetlands and streams and habitat corridors for wildlife	M	H	M	L	MH	MH	ML	Nature	10
Partnerships	Other (Disaster Preparedness)	ACTION	19	Use university partnerships to do studies on future impacts of climate change and best practices in adaptation, particularly infrastructure updates	MH	MH	L	M	M	H	M	Built Environment	10
Restore instream habitat	Water ways	ACTION	20	Triple the acres of wetlands in the Anacostia	M	H	M	L	MH	MH	ML	Nature	10







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Replace infrastructure to reduce leakage rate	Potable water	ACTION	27	Double sewer line replacements to replace leaking water infrastructure	L	M	ML	M	L	M	S	Built Environment	7
Promote local green jobs and businesses to implement sustainable water goals	Stormwater	ACTION	28	Create a LID maintenance corps to take care of LID installments	H	MH	MH	H	M	M	SM	Built Environment/ Nature	6
Improve access to clean and healthy drinking water and water for community gardens	Other (Education/Community Building)	ACTION	29	Develop District-wide educational campaign about water efficiency/conservation delivered by objective, third party source	L	L	L	L	H	L	SML		6

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Involve 60% of DC Residents / Businesses / DCPS students in Sustainable DC Initiatives	Other (Education /Community Building)	ACTION	30	Coordinate events (e.g. fishing tournaments, litter clean ups, concerts, festivals, films) to increase knowledge and stewardship of water ways.	L	LM	LM	H	LM	M	SML	Nature	6
Involve 60% of DC Residents / Businesses / DCPS students in Sustainable DC Initiatives	Other (Education /Community Building)	ACTION	31	Get more District students (DCPS and charter) out on water via curriculum expansion and partnership with non-profits and boat clubs	M	H	M	H	M	H	SML		6
		GOAL	32	GOAL: Reduce stormwater runoff from public space by _%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Built Environment	6

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?	Stormwater	ACTION	33	Establish natural flow goals for watersheds to target where stormwater reduction efforts should be prioritized	L	MH	LM	L	L	MH	S		6
Expand green infrastructure in public space	Stormwater	ACTION	34	Incentivize/encourage curb cuts to allow water to flow into raingardens, bayscaping	H	H	LM	M	M	M	M	Built Environment	5
Involve 60% of DC Residents / Businesses / DCPS students in Sustainable DC Initiatives	Waterways	ACTION	35	Establish a water stewards program to train people to take care of their local streams	L	H	ML	H	H	H	ML	Nature	5

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Reduce wastewater flow (?)	Waste water	ACTION	36	Utilize "Living Machines" for natural treatment of wastewater on site	M	M	L	L	M	L	ML	Nature	5
Improve water efficiency of new and existing buildings	Potable water	ACTION	37	Enable smart metering to match one meter to one unit (commercial and residential)	MH	M	L	M	MH	MH		Built Environment	4

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Make clean and healthy drinking water available to everyone	Potable water	ACTION	38	Potable water should be free or reduced based on a tiered pay system	L	L	L	L	L	L	SML		4
Improve water efficiency of new and existing buildings	Potable water	ACTION	39	Lower the "major renovation" threshold for triggering the Green Building Act	H	MH	L	H	MH	M	M	Built Environment	4

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Make clean and healthy drinking water available to everyone	Potable water	ACTION	40	Have Mayor Gray proclaim water is a human right	L	L	L	L	L	L	S		4
Expand green infrastructure in public space	Stormwater	ACTION	41	Create tree-safe buffer zone (drip line in roots zone)	L	H	M	M	M	M	S	Built Environment/Nature	4
Create toxics free waterways	Waste water	ACTION	42	Reduce by half the amount of time between sewer pipe replacement and repair (to reduce sewage leaks from pipes)	MH	H	M	L	H	MH	LM		4

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Improve access to clean and healthy drinking water and water for community gardens	Waste water	ACTION	43	Install cisterns to capture water for reuse at community gardens	L	M	M	H	H	L	SML	Nature, food	3
Use our waterways as a transportation resource	Other (Education /Community Building)	ACTION	44	Clean & green water taxis and other forms of river transportation	M	M	L	L	M	L	S	Nature	3
Improve stormwater retention/filtration on buildings and lots	Potable water	ACTION	45	Create landscape master plans for individual neighborhoods to inform new developments and help structure budgets	LM	H	L	M	MH	MH	M	Built Environment	3



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Involve 60% of DC Residents / Businesses / DCPS students in Sustainable DC Initiatives	Potable water	ACTION	46	Develop a shame list of water wasters and an award list of water savers	H	M	L	MH	H	M	SM		3
Work with upstream jurisdictions to ensure clean waters flowing into the District	Water ways	ACTION	47	Develop a list of the top ten sources of upstream pollutants	L	MH	M	L	L	HS	S	Waste	3
Expand and enhance existing educational targets, including the Anacostia 2032 Plan	Water ways	GOAL	48	GOAL: Create fishable/swimmable waterways by 2032	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nature	3
		GOAL	49	GOAL: Expand green infrastructure in parking lots	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Built Environment	3

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		GOAL	50	GOAL: Improve stormwater retention/filtration on buildings and lots	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Built Environment	3
		GOAL	51	GOAL: Make clean and healthy drinking water available to everyone	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		3
Involve 60% of DC Residents / Businesses / DCPS students in Sustainable DC Initiatives	Stormwater	ACTION	52	Homeowner/tenant education about projects that are for stormwater retention	H/L	H	L	L	LM	H	SML	Built Environment	2

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Find new sources of funding	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	53	Watershed planning and combined resources - implementation encouraged by novel financing mechanisms	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		2
Improve stormwater retention/filtration on buildings and lots	Stormwater	ACTION	54	Develop LID policies along undisturbed riverfront and wetlands	M	MH	MH	H	ML	H	LM	Built Environment	2
Develop innovative partnerships	Waste water	ACTION	55	Distribute and promote the use of biosolids through new partnerships	LM	M	L	M	LM	MH	S	Waste	2

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Improve water efficiency of new and existing buildings	Potable water	ACTION	56	Partner with federal government in green redevelopment of federal buildings and projects	H	MH	L	H	MH	M	M	Built Environment	2
Policy	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	57	Identify policies that conflict or obstruct goals (initial action)	L	H	L	M	M	H	SM		2
Ensure funding pathways for 60% of goals and/or action items	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	58	Transparency & daylighting of decisions	L	L	L	H	L	H	S	All	2
Reduce trash in rivers	Potable water	ACTION	59	Discourage use of plastic water bottles	L	M	L	H	L	MH	S	Food, Waste	2

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		GOAL	60	Encourage use of reusable water bottles/lower use of plastic water bottles (maybe by expanding DC Water's Tap It program?)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Waste	2
Involve 60% of DC Residents / Businesses / DCPS students in Sustainable DC Initiatives	Other (Education /Community Building)	ACTION	61	Promote Environmental Anacostia License Plate	H	ML	L	M	L	H	SML	Nature	2

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Increase stewardship of District waterways by engaging local residents, businesses and non-profits	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	70	Develop partnerships (corporate, non-profit, and federal) to assist with financial and technical resources, and to help engage community	M	H	M	L	L	H	S		1
Partnerships	Water ways	ACTION	71	Work with church and community groups to implement neighborhood projects to fix localized problems -- flooding, soil toxicity, habitat restoration, etc.	L	M	L	H	H	H	M		1
Improve stormwater retention/filtration on buildings and lots	Stormwater	ACTION	72	Require large buildings and projects to have storm water management plans	MH	H	L	H	M	MH	S	Built Environment	1



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Improve water efficiency of new and existing buildings	Potable water	ACTION	73	Implement new legislation for water efficiency in EXISTING buildings	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Built Environment	1
Improve stormwater retention/filtration on buildings and lots	Stormwater	ACTION	74	50% of structures in historic districts have green roofs or other green infrastructure	L	M	L	MH	H	M	M	Built Environment	1
Harvest resources of water-related by products	Waste water	ACTION	75	Turn waste water and byproducts (methane, energy) into commodities	H	MH	ML	L	H	M	L	Built Environment	1



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Improve water efficiency of new and existing buildings	Potable water	ACTION	86	Reduce District government building water usage by X% (potentially using LEED water-related credits directly or as benchmarks. Maybe have to reach a certain number of platinum/gold water credits).	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Built Environment	0
Improve water efficiency of new and existing buildings	Potable water	ACTION	87	Develop a individual building-level campaign to increase water conservation (e.g. discouraging the use of hose water for cleaning sidewalks)	ML	MH	L	LM	M	M	S	Built Environment	0

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Increase stewardship of District waterways by engaging local residents, businesses and non-profits	Water ways	ACTION	88	Engage local celebrities and athletes in the District to assist in funding and publicizing stewardship efforts	L	M	M	L	L	H	S		0
Ensure funding pathways for 60% of goals and/or action items	Other (Funding/ process)	ACTION	89	Provision for sending funding re-allocation to public vote	H	M	L	L	MH	NA	SM		0
Identify and create a sustainable funding mechanism for construction and maintenance of green infrastructure	Other (Funding/ process)	ACTION	90	Develop a public-private entity (i.e. a trust) with ability to accept donations and fundraise.	H	MH	M	M	H	MH	ML		0

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Make clean and healthy drinking water available to everyone	Potable water	ACTION	91	Create Water fund to subsidize water bills (either from a donation through water bills or through corporate/private funding). Should maybe be tiered pricing so lowered income folks are paying less, but it's not free.	L	L	L	L	L	L	SML		0
Reuse greywater	Stormwater	ACTION	92	GOAL: Develop formal partnerships with private and public sector to capture stormwater from across the city	H	H	M	ML	H	MH	L		0
Partnerships	Waterways	ACTION	93	Develop research/NGO/institutional partnerships	MH	LM	L	M	LM	L	S		0

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Policy	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	94	Break citywide goals down by sector (residential, commercial, etc.) to ensure each sector pulling own weight	ML	MH	L	L	ML	H	S		0
Policy	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	95	Survey local advocates and agency staff to identify other sustainability issues (initial action)	L	M	L	L	LM	H	S		0
Find new partners/resources -- private/nongovernmental	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	96	Study to establish what the value proposition is to potential partners	M	L	L	L	LM	H	S	All	0



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Identify and create a sustainable funding mechanism for construction and maintenance of green infrastructure	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	97	Undertake real cost analysis & trackable data pilot evaluations	M	L	L	M	LM	LM	SM		0
Increase Public Access to Streams and Waterways	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	98	Revisit the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative's recommendations	H	H	L	H	H	M	SML		0

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NA	Other (Funding/process)	ACTION	99	Develop clear community-wide goal to inform building decisions and introduce peer pressure/righteous competition	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Built Environment	0
Increase Public Access to Streams and Waterways	Water ways	ACTION	100	Plan and develop a designated swimming area for the Potomac and Anacostia	H	H	H	H	H	H	SML	Nature	0
Find new sources of funding	Potable water	ACTION	101	Market-based drinking water pricing, perhaps using reverse auction model	L	M	L	M	MH	MH	M		0

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	Potable	ACTION	102	District government buildings reduce water use by __ % ideally distinguishing reduction by activity (e.g. irrigation, bathrooms, cleaning)	H	M	L	M	M	MH	SH	Built Environment	0
Involve 60% of DC Residents / Businesses / DCPS students in Sustainable DC Initiatives	Potable water	ACTION	103	Develop friendly competitions to reduce water usage among residents and businesses, ideally using smart metering	L	LM	LM	M	H	M	ML	Built Environment	0

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Restore instream habitat	Water ways	ACTION	104	Contol resident goose population to aid in wetland plant establishment and recovery	L	M	M	L	L	MH	S	Nature	0
Create toxic free waterways	Water ways	ACTION	105	Determine if a chlordane TMDL is needed and if so create one	L	M	M	M	LM	M	S	Nature	0
Create toxics free waterways	Water ways	ACTION	106	Narrow Anacostia channel through wetland plantings to speed Anacostia flow and keep new toxics from settling	M	H	M	L	MH	MH	ML	Nature	0

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